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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 1761

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, ENRG, MA, US

SUBJECT: DIEGO-SUAREZ TURNOVER

REF: TANANARIVE 1759

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER (MINJUSTICE) PLED TOTAL IGNORANCE ENTIRE MATTER, WHICH PROBABLY TRUE. CHARGE POINTED OUT ENORMOUS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE INVOLVED IF SHIPS HAD TO BE DIVERTED AT SUCH LATE DATE. ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON MORALE IF CHRISTMAS MAIL, ALREADY EN ROUTE FOR DIEGO, COULD NOT BE DELIVERED ON TIME. INFORMED MINISTER WE HAD BEEN GIVEN FIRM ASSURANCES FRENCH FUEL WOULD BE AVAILABLE, AND, IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, SHIPS COULD ANCHOR IN HARBOR INSTEAD OF COME TO PIER.

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2. MINISTER APPEARED WARMLY SYMPATHETIC TO ABOVE ARGUMENTS,

PARTICULARLY WHEN CHARGE REVIEWED LONG PROCEDURE EMBASSY HAD ALREADY GONE THROUGH, I.E., SEPT 13 NOTICE OF PROPOSED VISIT, NOV 19 FIRM REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION, DEC 11 RECEIPT OF FIRM APPROVAL, DEC 13 ASSURANCE FROM GOMR THAT FRENCH FUEL WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

3. MINISTER PROMISED TAKE UP MATTER IMMEDIATELY WITH INTERESTED GOMR OFFICIALS AND INFORM CHARGE OF RESULTS EVENING DEC 17 OR MORNING DEC 18 AT LATEST. IF ANSWER NEGATIVE, OUR ONLY RECOURSE WOULD SEEM TO BE APPEAL TO HEAD OF GOVT RAMANANTSOA.

4. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BECOME INVOLVED DERIVES FROM PHRASE IN GOMR'S LATEST NOTE, INCLUDED AFTER TECHNICAL ARGUMENTS ABOUT FUEL AND BERTHING, AS FOLLOWS: "...THAT IN LAST ANALYSIS AND UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, NO MALAGASY PORT CAN WELCOME (ACCUEILLIR) U.S. NAVAL WARSHIPS.
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